Office Hours

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Summary

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Notes

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Professor Will Graham's office hours are posted as 10am-1pm, 3pm-6pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, or by appointment.

Though, anyone who's ever tried to reach him during those posted office hours know that those are *not* the hours in which Will Graham will actually be in his office. There was a point in time, a semester or two ago, when making an appointment instead of just showing up to open office hours would yield a better likelihood of actually seeing Dr. Graham in person. That method is no longer as reliable as it once was.

Now, students of Dr. Will Graham have learned that the best way to meet with him is to either; a.) catch him directly after class on a rare day where he's not either rushed to a crime scene or being herded to evidence, or b.) sit outside of his office for who knows how long until he eventually (maybe) shows up, at which point you have to gain his attention before he ever even unlocks the office door, or you'll be forgotten for more important matters.

Today, Diana Dawson, member of Dr. Will Graham's Forensics 5610-02 class and the resulting group chat, is attempting option number 2 for cornering Will Graham.

Diana Dawson

Has anyone seen Graham yet today?

Winnie

Ha, good one. No ❤️

Diana Dawson

I swear I thought he had a class soon? I'm trying plan B for Graham's office hours but I've been here for like 45 mins already and honestly I kinda have to pee

Flora

I tried that one last week, when he canceled class and didn't even send out an email. Good luck tho

Diana Dawson

I feel like an idiot just standing here

Winnie

It's ok, everyone knows it's a Dr.G thing, we've all been there

Diana Dawson

Still…

Levi

How does this man keep a job frfr

Flora

Bc he's rlly good at it when he does actually show up?

Flora

Question, but not rlly bc that's totally how

Levi

Fair, fair

Georgia

Headed ur way!

Georgia

if you catch him b4 Crawford he'll talk as long as it takes Crawford to leave!

Georgia's warning gives Diana just enough time to lock her phone and look away before Graham come rolling in looking like a tornado had just picked him up and spit him back out

again.

“Dr.Graham,” Diana calls just as Agent Crawford shouts, “Will!” From just a few steps behind the man in question.

Diana has to physically pinch herself to not forget the questions she’d come with. Honestly, she hadn’t thought she’d get this far so when Graham rounds on her, questioning her attendance, she fumbles a jumbled up, “Oh! Uh, well-“

Crawford takes that as his cue to push into Graham’s space. Graham takes immediate offense to that, stepping backward into the door of his own office.

“I do have an actual day job, Jack,” Graham says, gesturing vaguely in the direction of a stunned Diana.

Graham turns, unlocks and opens the door to his office, when he motions for Diana to enter (she knows he meant her because he looks just off her right ear) Crawford shoulders his way into the small space.

“Really, Jack, day job. And this one pays me,”

Does-does consulting… not? That’s a question for Google King Hayden, if she remembers it after this is all said and done.

Diana pulls her phone out, seeing as she’s being ignored for the time being. She’d intended to send quick, random lines of things to remind her to add context later, just so that she wouldn’t forget the little bits of information. However, she’s stopped short by the flowers sat in a decorative vase on the edge of Graham’s desk.

Now, Diana doesn’t know much about flowers beyond the cursory google she’d done of “sweet William’s” just after Hayden had finally named them. She does however know that a dozen flowers does not “the whole stock” make.

Instead of typing out the cliff notes of her encounter with Graham thus far, she snaps a sideways picture of the vase and sends it with no context.

Diana Dawson *Sent a photo*

She locks her phone quickly after hitting send, just in case.

Graham and Crawford are arguing with their eyes. Or, well, Crawford is, he’s glaring Professor Graham down something awful but Graham isn’t paying him any mind, just shuffling through the papers left across his desk.

Crawford spares a glance to Diana only when Graham make a motion for her to take a seat in one of the uncomfortable office chairs in front of his desk, still aimlessly shuffling his papers. The agent seems to realize that he can't openly talk about what he wants to, or at least, Diana assumes that Crawford wants to discuss a case, which he shouldn't do so openly. He flicks a petal on one of the flowers. "Never took you for a gardener," He says, which, in Diana's opinion, doesn't even make sense in context.

"Sweet Williams," Graham names the plant like it explains anything, "He only thinks he's funny,"

Crawford hums like he's indulging Graham in something, humoring him, even. "I want you to think about it," Crawford says finally, likely continuing an earlier conversation.

"I have," Graham sighs, he drops his glasses to the desktop, rubs a hand against his eyes like they hurt.

"Dr. Lecter-" Graham cuts off whatever Crawford wants to say. Unfortunate for Diana because she was liking where that was going.

"Ask *him* then."

"Dr. Bloom,"

"Day job, Jack, I have one." Graham makes a point of settling in at his desk, turning to face Diana as if she has all of his attention. Crawford grumbles from the doorway but Diana takes it as her chance to actually ask the questions she's been accumulating for a week now.

She unintentionally cuts Crawford off before he can start in on Graham again and for her troubles she heads to her next class with the stem of a single Sweet William flower tucked behind her ear.

Diana Dawson *sent a photo*

It's a selfie with the flower in her hair, of course it is.

End Notes

I wrote this at work :-) blame my manager for any inconsistencies (this would be funnier if she knew abt these, but then I'd have to unalive somebody)
Also, written on my phone so I have no clue what this formatting looks like ICKK
I feel like these are getting worse and worse

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